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**CIP SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2008
(Approved as written 11/7/08)**

PRESENT: Paul Morin; Richard Butt; Jon Dowst; Naomi Bolton, Land Use Coordinator

GUESTS: Fred Ventresco, Town Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Paul Morin called this meeting to order at 6: 15 PM in the Town Office Conference Room of the Weare Town Office Building.

II. PUBLIC MEETING:

The purpose of this meeting is to work towards finalizing the 2009 requests and being able to present it to the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen before the end of the month. The board decided to take the spread sheet and proceed down through the 2009 column one item at a time.

Fire & Rescue Vehicle Fund: There is a request for a new truck at the estimated cost of \$500,000. Naomi reminded the subcommittee that this was an estimate at the time and that Chief Richards had indicated that nearer to the fall he would have a final number. It was the intention at the meeting with Chief Richards that between the capital reserve fund and the special revenue fund they should have enough money without raising any by taxation. The subcommittee asked Naomi to see if she could get the following information for Friday morning:

- verify with Tina Connor the amount of money in each fund
- ask Chief Richards if he has a closer figure on the truck

Fire Equipment Fund: There is a request for this year for another thermal imaging camera for \$14,500. It appears that there is enough money in the existing fund to cover this expense, but Naomi will get that information from Tina as well.

Fire Station Study: This is a new request for \$10,000 for a study of the existing South Weare Fire Station to study the proposed station renovation or possible new construction. This would be used for consultation to study expansion of the current facility to allow for 24 hour staff at a later date. Naomi wanted to bring up a suggestion. The vacant lot next to this station, now has a for sale sign on it. Would it be appropriate to contact the owner to see what the sales price is? Naomi stated that she is friends of the owners and would be willing to approach them. Naomi also suggested that we could offer to buy it; possibly swap another Town owned lot for this equally or possibly swap another Town property with some cash. The

subcommittee felt that this would be the opportunity to act, being it is advertised for sale. Naomi will contact them and report back to the subcommittee on Friday morning.

Library - Computer Replacement Fund: The only request for 2009 was the computer replacement item. This is the last year of a project that was started 3 years ago and this amount would need to be raised so that the project can be completed. This was done back when we were taking a project that qualified and dividing it up over the years before it was needed.

Highway Truck & Equipment Fund: There are 2 requests for this fund. One is to replace Truck #2 (1994 Ford) for \$155,000 and the other for \$45,000 to replace Pickup #2 (2001 ¾ ton). Both of these would have to be raised because the existing fund has a minimal amount left for a balance. This type of request and rotation is what the Highway Department has been doing and the subcommittee supports, so no further discussion was needed.

Transfer Station Equipment: There is a request for \$60,000 for a used tub grinder to be able to grind up all the wood and brush instead of burning it. The subcommittee felt that this was a new piece of equipment and would have to go on the warrant as a separate item. There was also a request for \$10,000 for a used scrap trailer. Basically the purpose of this is to replace the existing 50 yard container that has almost reached its life span with a 100 yard container. Doubling the size of the container would also cut down on the hauling costs. The subcommittee felt it was a replacement of an existing piece of equipment and would not need to be on the warrant by itself.

Road Reconstruction (Improvements): This is something that has been on the warrant every year. This is the article that the road work for the year is done under. When Carl met with the subcommittee he was going to get back to us with a list of projects he had intentions of doing for 2009 and costs associated with them. The State of NH gives the Town Highway Block Grant Money and the difference between the bottom line total and the grant money is raised by taxation. The subcommittee asked Naomi to see if she could get that information for Friday morning.

Police Cruiser Fund: This is a similar request as it was in 2008. The police department has put the vehicles on a rotation basis and the idea is to replace two cruisers each year. This request for \$66,000 is for two cruisers.

Police Department-Space Needs Study: The Police Department put in this request for \$17,000, just like last year for a space needs study. The purpose of this project is to assess the space needs of our police and fire departments. As the Town continues to grow, both police and fire departments will continue to expand. The existing building does not allow for that growth. The subcommittee discussed this and wondered if these types of studies could be done through SNHPC as part of our dues or possibly done by them at a reduced rate. Naomi will check into this and have an answer for Friday's meeting.

Government Building Maintenance Fund: At the last meeting there were two requests for the Town Office Building. The first was for \$300,000 for an addition on

the back of the Town office, which after looking at the Fire Marshall's correspondence and the Fire Engineer's correspondence, the consensus of the subcommittee was that this was really unnecessary. The other request for \$40,000 for the completion of the life safety items as a result of the Fire Engineer's inspection was considered a maintenance item and would come under this fund, but not on the CIP list. This will be looked at in further detail Friday morning after we have the balances and activity from Tina.

Cemetery Construction: The request is for \$25,000 was very straight forward. The current balance as of 8-31-08 showed that this request could be funded out of the existing balance. The subcommittee wanted Naomi to reach Don Burke and or Tina to make sure that all his projects that he set out for in 2008 have been done and paid for before the final decision could be made. Naomi will have this for Friday as well.

III. OTHER BUSINESS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: It was brought to the subcommittee's attention that the Finance Committee has been re-organized and it was suggested that we get to them with our presentation to gain their support on this plan. Naomi will contact Laura Buono, Moderator to see who is the chairman of the committee, so that we can make contact and possibly make a meeting.

REWORDING THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING FUND: The subcommittee agreed that we would try again to put forth a warrant article to try to rename the Government Building Maintenance Fund to be able to include needs assessment studies. It only lost last year by about 12 votes and felt that if it was sold to the Finance Committee as well as the public it could possibly have better chance.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Land Use Coordinator